Patent 5,385,553 issued to Hart et al. on January 31, 1995, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference. By referring to Figure 6, it can be seen that seal assembly 2 is connected to a flotation system 80. The bellows 80 allows for radial movement of the seal assembly. The radial force required to deflect the bellows radially is much less than the contact force exerted by the on the instrument. This will allow the flotation system to deflect while the seal segments maintain a sealing condition with the instrument. Protector flange 44 is first laid on top of ring surface 22. The flotation means can have a flange on its inner diameter with holes in it which can be laid over the protectors' flanges such that the holes in the bellow's flange line up with the holes in the protectors 42. This results in the flotation means being in-between, or sandwiched between, ring 31 and protectors 44. The flotation system can help to prevent the protectors from moving up and down unintentionally.

In the drawings:

Please amend Figure 7, as shown in red in the attached markup:

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to remove reference to what the Patent Office considers a missing figure, and to refer to Figure 7 as Figure 6. Accordingly, no new matter is involved.

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